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REHABILITATION OF KUANG-CHOU PUBLIC UTILITIES -- Wen-hui Pao, 21 Jan 50

Kuang-chou -- Since the liberation of Kuang-chou, much has been accomplished toward the rehabilitation of the city's public utilities. The following report gives conditions, by sections, in the city administration:

Electricity Section -- Hsi-ts'un generating plant: the repair of the turbine is practically finished, and the rewinding of the generator is on the point of being finished. Boilers No 1 and No 2, and the frozen $\sqrt{51c}$ pipes of turbine No 2 have been repaired. A mechanical coal hoist has been installed to save human labor.

Wu-hsien-men generating plant: one generator has been repaired; and through discussions with the workmen, a way has been found to save 4.8 percent in coal consumption.

Ho-nan generating plant: repairs were completed on 37 single-phase transformers and on 8 three-phase transformers. In addition, 362 parties who were stealing current, and over 100 parties who were securing current by coercion of others, have been detected and cut off. Connections have been improved for more than 1,000 consumers of low-voltage current.

Nan-shih-t'ou generating plant: plans have been prepared for the erection of a generating plant at Nan-shih-t'ou.

Waterworks Section -- An inspection of the whole system of main conduits has been made, and leaks have been repaired. Repairs have been stepped up on the oil-residue-driven generator and on the Diesel-oil-driven generator in the pumping station, and on the high-pressure tank. One of the settling basins has been scrubbed and washed; the filter beds have been washed. Plans have been decided upon for the Tung-shan waterworks, and the engineering work at the Ho-nan distributing station. Over 600 water meters have been purchased. To avoid, as far as possible, the evil effects of fluctuation in exchange, since 20 December 1949, the Electricity and Waterworks sections have adopted the system of rendering bills to consumers in terms of commodities, and are entrusting the collection of payments to the municipal People's Bank.

Public Bus Transportation and Wharves and Ferries Sections -- Efforts have been made to perfect the organization and control of public transportation services and to promote economy in operation, as in commercial enterprises. New assignments of routes and equipment have been made in order to give better service. A new motor-repair shop has been established. Reductions have been effected in the amount of bureaucratic capital invested in the ferry enterprises. Progress has been made in the standardization of fares, taxes, and methods of inspection of buses and ferries.

Public Works Bureau -- The Public Works Bureau has resurfaced 10,155 square meters of street surfaces, cleaned and repaired 23,245 meters of gutters and drains, and cleaned 4,152 septic tanks and cesspools. A thorough study has been made of the Hai-chu Bridge, which was blown up by the retreating KMT troops, with a view to rebuilding it. Applications for building permits have been made. A nursery to supply trees and shrubs for parks and along the streets is being maintained.

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